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SUBJ: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION --

"ATOMIC CURSE"

1. UNDER THE CAPTION "ATOMIC CURSE", POLITICAL EDITOR BORG-MANN OF THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG OF AUGUST 19 PRESENTED A POSITION MORE SYMPATHETIC TO THE UNITED STATES ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION THAN HAS BEEN EVIDENT HERE PREVIOUSLY. MOST COMMENT OVERHEARD HERE, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE AMERICAN REACTION TO THE GERMAN-BRAZILIAN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT US NEGATIVE REACTION WAS DUE SIMPLY TO PIQUE OVER LOSS OF A LUCRATIVE BUSINESS DEAL.

2. INDIA'S EXPLOITATION OF CANADIAN AND AMERICAN NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE, THE EDITORIAL SAID, AND THE ESTIMATE THAT THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL ATOMIC POWERS WOULD BE 40 WITHIN 10 YEARS, PROVIDE A BACKGROUND THAT MAKES QUESTIONABLE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRAZIL AND GERMANY. "THE AMERICANS WERE JUSTLY ENRAGED OVER THIS AGREEMENT. FOR HOWEVER CONVINCINGLY THE BONN FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY PROCLAIM THAT THE BRAZILIANS HAVE ACCEPTED ALMOST ONE HUNDRED PER CENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, THE DANGER OF MISUSE CAN NOT BE EXCLUDED. THIS IS INDEED THE CASE SINCE THE BRAZILIANS, LIKE THE PAKISTANIS AND THE INDIANS, STUBBORNLY REFUSE TO ADHERE TO THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY ... IF HENRY KISSINGER'S NIGHTMARE OF 'CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND' IS

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NOT TO BE FULFILLED ... THEN ALL NUCLEAR PRODUCERS MUST AGREE

SOON TO PREVENT MISUSE OF ATOMIC EXPORT ARTICLES THROUGH BIND-
ING REGULATIONS... GIVEN THE ENORMOUS COMPETITION IN THE
NUCLEAR MARKET, THERE IS ALMOST NO CHANCE FOR AN AGREEMENT,
THAT WOULD PERMIT DELIVERY OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS BUT
NOT OF REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT... THE AMERICANS HAD BELIEVED
(THERE WAS A CHANCE) UNTIL NOW. AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
THAT WOULD CONTROL DELIVERIES OF SENSITIVE EQUIPMENT IS UN-
FORTUNATELY ONLY UTOPIA. WE CAN COUNT THE DAYS UNTIL A NEW
'PEACEFUL' ATOMIC EXPERIMENT WILL (AGAIN) ROCK THE WORLD."
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